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ANALYSIS OF MISSION 1046-2 (MARCH 1967) REVEALS THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST SIX FAN-SHAPED, PAD-LIKE AREAS WITHIN THE VALKI MRBM LAUNCH SITE (44-57N 34-26E) 14 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF SIMFEROPOL, USSR. SMALL SCALE AND QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE FAN-SHAPED AREAS AND THE OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE ORIGINAL PADS. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING COMPARISON CAN BE MADE BETWEEN

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THE FAN-SHAPED AREAS AT VALKI AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED AT  
GVARDEYSK MRBM LAUNCH SITE 1 IN [REDACTED]

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1. THE CONSTRUCTION TIMING OF BOTH SITES IS COMPATABLE; THE  
FAN-SHAPED AREAS AT VALKI AND THE CLEARINGS FOR THE FAN-SHAPED AREAS  
AT GVARDEYSK WERE FIRST OBSERVED IN [REDACTED] VALKI CAN BE  
NEGATED IN [REDACTED] AND GVARDEYSK IN [REDACTED]

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2. AT BOTH SITES, THE FAN-SHAPED AREAS ARE LAYED OUT IN A  
RANDOM PATTERN AND ARE ORIENTED TOWARD THE BORDER. THE LONG AXIS IS  
APPROXIMATELY 180 DEGREES AT VALKI AND APPROXIMATELY 210 DEGREES AT  
GVARDEYSK.

3. THE SIZE AND CONFIGURATION OF THE FAN-SHAPED AREAS IS THE  
SAME AT BOTH LAUNCH SITES. EACH MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 90 BY 110  
FEET THROUGH THE AXES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VALKI AND GVARDEYSK WERE BOTH ORIGINALLY  
TYPE 1 MRBM SITES.

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